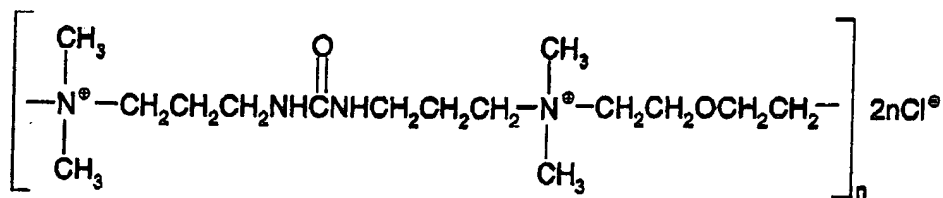


REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for election of species are respectfully requested in view of the remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance.

In its Response to Requirement for an Election of Species dated August 28, 2002, Applicants elected, with traverse, iodosulfuron-methyl as the anionic agrochemically active compound and Mirapol[®] as the cationic polymer, recited in claims 1-43. The requirement for this election of species was traversed because the species are each related to one another and directed to the same inventive concept which may be simultaneously searched. Applicants reserved the right to consideration of claims to additional species, upon indication of allowable subject matter, which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

In the October 30, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner alleged that the preceding election was indefinite and required the definition of Mirapol[®]. Although Applicants respectfully disagree that the election was indefinite, the following is the chemical formula of a Mirapol[®]-polymer having an average degree of polymerization of n=6:



As this paper is being submitted within the one month period for reply set by October 30, 2002 Office Action (as November 30, 2002 was a Saturday), no fee is believed to be due. In the

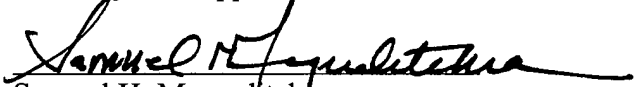
event a fee is occasioned by this paper, the fee may be charged, or overpayment credited to,
Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing, reconsideration and modification of this
Restriction Requirement is requested and an early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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